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you have got 93 people in this state telling everybody else what they will or will not have in the way of a good legitimate base from which to pick your jury, a good purged voter registration list. It has been said, for example, that an involuntary juror would not be a good juror. That is like saying that when we had the draft for example during WWII, my days, the involuntary selection service made bad soldiers. Well it wasn't true then, it ain't going to be true today and it won't be true tomorrow. 50 percent of the people that get called for jury duty today are not volunteer jurors...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR GOODRICH: ...they fight like the devil to keep out of it. But, why can't we at least once in our lives, do what we know is right and that is adopt this bill, get a broader jury selection list from which to select jurors and tell those election commissioners that you have so much time in which to get ready for it, go ahead and put your little gals that you want to...the people you want to put to work during the summer months in your county, go ahead and put them to work for three to six months time and get the job done. It certainly would spread a little employment around for each of the parties that happen to have control of the county in that particular case. I would ask you not to vote to kill the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise to support Senator Lamb's motion in opposition to the bill. Sarpy County, which is the third largest county in the state, could become affected with this far beyond what most of the other counties because of the amount of military that register their vehicles but do not register to vote or are nonresidents of the state. This would create quite a problem in getting the list purged and cleaned up as to who could and who could not serve. Also, our judge in the county has stated that he has had no problem with getting enough jurors and he has been real lenient in working with them to serve, like farmers to serve in the winter when they